

Family Violence Against Immigrant & Refugee Women: Community Development Strategies

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TRAINING OVERVIEW

- **Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants (OCASI)**
- **Training Goals**

GROUP AGREEMENTS

**How will we create a
safe learning environment?**



MODULE 1: FAMILY VIOLENCE

DEFINITIONS

- Domestic Violence
- Wife Assault
- Domestic Assault
- Woman Abuse
- Family Violence



What terminology does your agency use?

MODULE 1: FAMILY VIOLENCE

MORE THAN A PRIVATE ISSUE

Group Exercise:

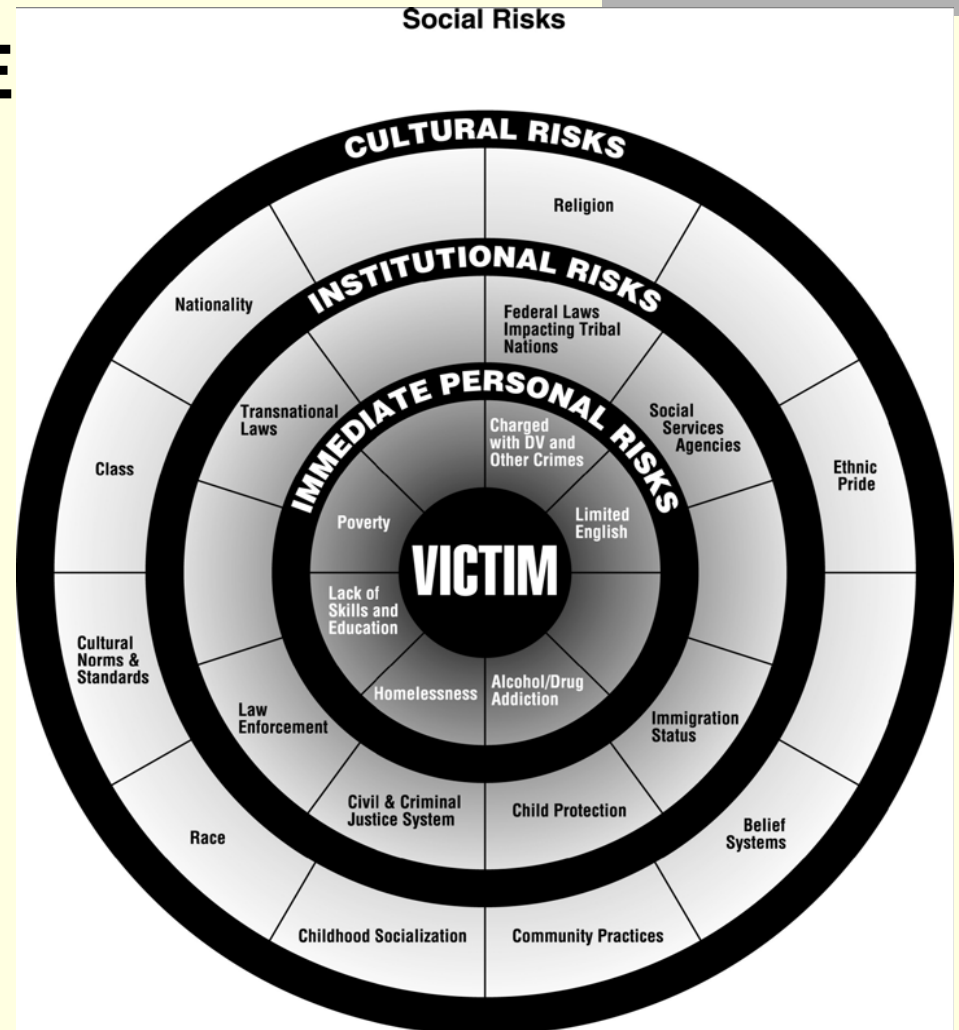


Impacts of Family Violence

MODULE 1: FAMILY VIOLENCE

COMMUNITY ISSUE

Social Risks



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Social Risks

Circle 1: Immediate Personal Risks

- Language Barriers
- Economic
- Poverty and Homelessness

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COMMUNITY ISSUE

Social Risks

Circle 2: Institutional Risks

- Immigration and Refugee Status
- Child Protection Services
- Law Enforcement
- Lack of Responsiveness from Services

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COMMUNITY ISSUE

Social Risks

Circle 3: Cultural Risks

- Community Stigma, Cultural Norms
- Religion

Transitioning from Module 1 to Module 2



MODULE 2: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INSTITUTIONALIZED RESPONSES

- Role of Institutions
- Role of Agencies

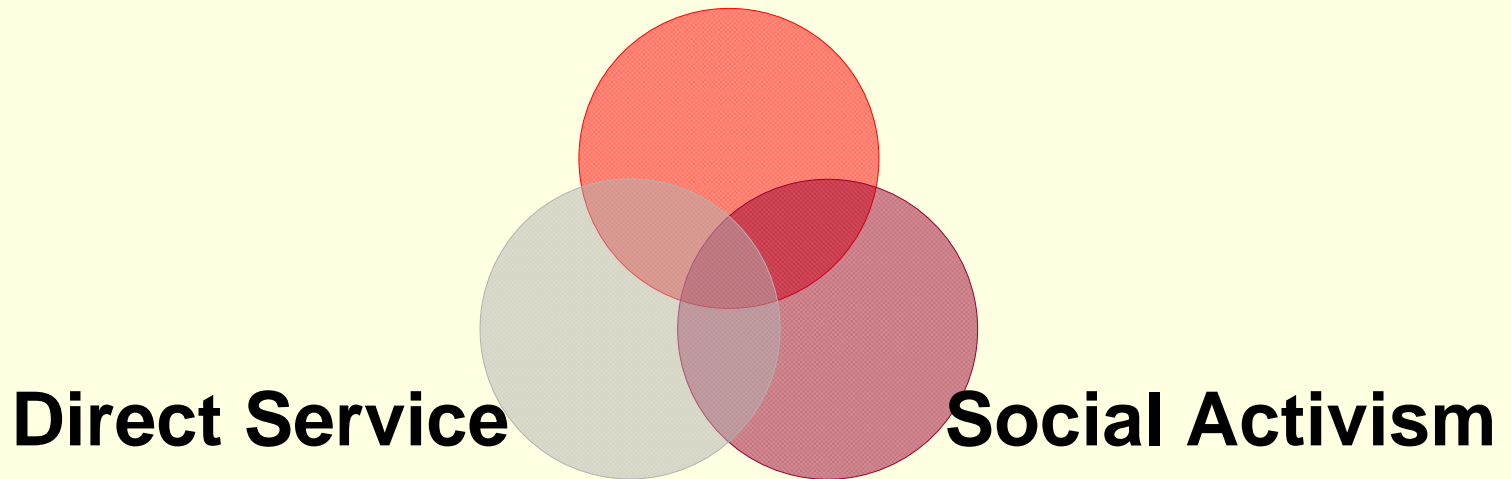
→ Institutionalized **POWER**



**What impacts does this have on
community development?**

MODULE 2: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development



Where do you fit in? Your agency?

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UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMNT

- First, what's a community?
- Purposeful bringing together of people
- Process
- Attempts to redress power imbalances
- Sustainability

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UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Values:

- People who are affected by decisions have a right to participate in making those decisions
- People are motivated by the realization that they can have some impact on their environment (empowerment)
- People have the right to strive to create the quality of life they desire
- The concept of "community" widens as interaction increases
- Every profession and/or discipline is potentially a contributor to community development

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UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

~ Experiential Exercise ~



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UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development:

- Citizen involvement
- Social Learning
- Sense of community
- Organized numbers

Empowerment

PRAXIS

Social Justice

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CONTINUUM



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OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

- Raise awareness about family violence including services and resources
- Examples:
 - Education campaign (e.g. anti smoking education campaign with youth in schools)
 - Longer term campaigns like the Provincial Friends, Family and Neighbours Campaign

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OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Goals:

- Educate community to recognize and acknowledge FV
- Shift attitudes from those tolerating FV to opposing it
- Information sharing
- Let community members (survivors in particular) know about the availability of services

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OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Methods:

- Door-to-door campaigns
- Dialogue and conversations
- Workshops, Trainings, Presentations
- Co-sponsoring events
- Display booths
- School campus events
- 'Ethnic pride' events
- Surveys
- Focus groups

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OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Case Study:

Religious Community Accountability Project



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OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

Case Study: Door Knocking Campaign



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COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

- Build active community participation and development (supporting the anti-violence organization or addressing family violence)

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COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Goals can include:

- Mobilize community members so that awareness gained can be used to actively address FV
- Create community ownership
- Gain greater public recognition
- Gather greater resources (base of power) to:
 - Accomplish a task
 - Reach a goal
 - Pass legislation
 - “Win” a campaign with a positive impact on family violence

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COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Methods:

- Community surveys
- Focus groups
- Community gatherings
- Sponsoring projects
- Demonstrations (marches, rallies, vigils, etc.)
- Campaigns (multiple approaches)

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COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Case Study:

Community Needs Assessment of Shimtuh



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

General (community at large)

Among those most affected

- Involves longer-term strategies meant to sustain community capacity to address FV

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

Goals:

- Establish new/independent community institutions to address FV
- Forge relationships among individuals
- Groups form a cohesive unit of power/analysis from which to build a new base of power

How does one do this?

- Bring resources to assist existing institutions and groups

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: MOST AFFECTED

Goals:

- Transforming power dynamics to share decision-making and resources

Methods:

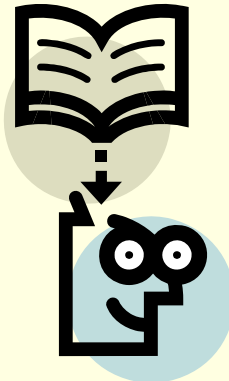
- Developing skills, confidence, and leadership among those most affected
- Building greater collective power through successful (and 'failed') experiences with institutions

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COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: MOST AFFECTED

Case Study:

Youth Empowerment as DV Reduction of Freedom



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COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

- Develops community capacity to support survivors and hold abusers accountable
- Very few community accountability strategies exist
 - Focus on Criminal Court System
 - Safety Concerns

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

Goals:

- Greater community capacity to intervene and prevent future violence
- Community-wide norms and institutions recognizing community members' roles
- Collective responsibility

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

Methods:

- Public naming, Public Shaming
 - Direct intervention and 'confrontation' with abusers
- Creating systems for survivor support and abuser accountability (short-term and long-term)

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Group Exercise:



A Funding Proposal

MODULE 2: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIES FOR MOVING FORWARD

- Assess capacity to engage in community development strategies
 - Your organization's ability
 - Community / Communities

CLOSURE

Check-Out & Debrief

Evaluations





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